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REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Restriction of the claims was required. The claims were separated in the following groups:

- I. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is aryl, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is aryl, drawn to 4-phenyl-3-arylalkylamino-piperidines, classified in class 546, subclass 205+.
- II. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is quinoline, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is quinoline/tetrahydroquinoline, drawn to piperidinyl sar'd or unsat'd quinolines, classified in class 546, subclass 152+.
- III. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is indole, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is indole, drawn to indolyl piperidines, classified in class 546, subclass 201.
- IV. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is benzofuran, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is benzofuran, drawn to benzofuranyl piperidines, classified in class 546, subclass 196.
- V. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is pyridine, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is pyridine, drawn to pyridinyl piperidines, classified in class 546, subclass 193.
- VI. Claim 57, when W is aryl, T is pyrrolidine, and claims 1-56, 58 and 67 reading on claim 57 W is aryl, T is pyrrolidine, drawn to pyrrolidinyl piperidines, classified in class 546, subclass 208
- VII. Claims 1-56, 58, 67, drawn to remaining compounds, classified in class various, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species is also required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- VII. Claim 59, drawn to method of inhibiting renin, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.

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- IX. Claim 60, drawn to method of treating/preventing hypertension, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- X. Claim 61, drawn to method of treating/preventing congestive heart failure, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- XI. Claim 62, drawn to method of treating/preventing stroke, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- XII. Claim 63, drawn to method of treating/prevention myocardial infarction, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- XIII. Claim 64, drawn to method of treating/preventing glaucoma, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- XIV. Claim 65, drawn to method of providing end organ protection, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of an end organ and a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.
- XV. Claim 66, drawn to method of treating/preventing hyperaldosteronism, classified in class 514, subclass various, depending on species election. If this group is elected, a further election of a single disclosed species for the method will also be required. Further restriction will be made based on the elected species.

The Applicants elect Group I for further prosecution. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining claims in divisional or continuation applications.

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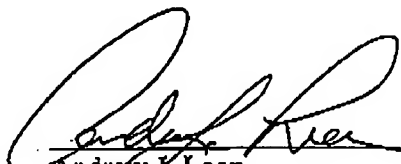
The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Applicants have elected claims directed to the product. The Applicants respectfully note that if a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims (i.e. presently withdrawn claims 59-66) that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

Claims 1-67 were pending in the above-identified application prior to entry of this Amendment. In this Amendment, claims 20-26, 33, 38-40, 49, and 50 have been cancelled and claims 59-66 have been withdrawn. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19, 27-32, 34-37, 41-48, 51-58, and 67 are pending in this case.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been put in condition for allowance. Notification to this affect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss this matter if any questions should arise upon further examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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